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ABIDJAN FOR REDSO

YAOUNDE FOR RDO

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RDO'S THOUGHTFUL AND PERCEPTIVE
COMMENTARY (REFTEL) ON CURRENT PROBLEM OF AID FUNDS
BEING CHANNELED TO HOSPITAL. NEXT QUESTION IS OBVIOUSLY
WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

2. JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN SCHWEITZER FOUNDATITN
AND AISL ARE, OF COURSE, NOT OF OUR MAKING BUT AS LONG
AS THEY REMAIN UNRESOLVED, PROBLEM OF PROPERLY CHANNELING
AID FUNDS REMAI S WITH US. IT THEREFORE SEEMS APPROPRIATE
THAT WE DO EVERYTHING TO BRING TWO PARTIES TOGETHER
WITHOUT BECOMING DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THEIR SQUABBLES.

3. I AM THEREFORE CONVINCED THAT BEST SOLUTION WOULD
BE TO HAVE FOUNDATION AND AISL REPS MEET WITH RDO AND
REDSO REPS IN LIBREVILLE. SCHWEITZER PEOPLE WOULD
THUS BE GIVEN INDUCEMET TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES
(PREFERABLY IN CLOSED SESSION WITHOUT RDO OR REDSO)

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BUT WOULD HAVE LATTER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE

WHETHER ANY PARTICULAR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT
ARRIVED AT WOULD SATISFY AID FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.
REALIZE THAT FOREGOING IS SOMEWHAT CUMBERSOME AND TIME
CONSUMING FOR ALL CONCERNED BUT WE SEE IT HERE AS ONLY
WAY OF CUTTING THROUGH CURRENT IMPASS.

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